

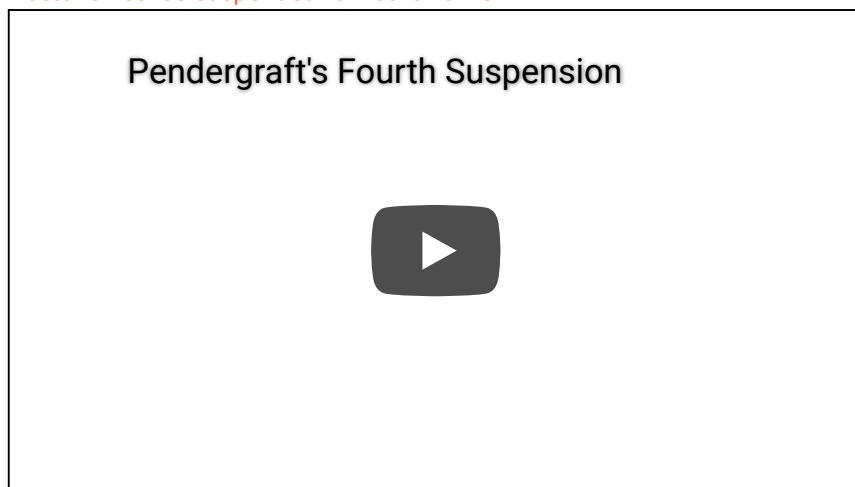
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Abortionist license suspended for fourth time in Florida

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ORLANDO —

A Central Florida doctor, who has been disciplined in the past for performing illegal abortions, is back in trouble again.

The Florida Board of Medicine has suspended Dr. James Pendergraft's license for the fourth time.

Pendergraft has certainly had a tumultuous medical career.

According to documents from the Department of Health, his license has been suspended for doing [illegal third trimester abortions](#), distributing drugs without a license, and in 2004, the doctor ran into legal troubles.

He was caught up in what prosecutors alleged was [extortion](#) in Marion County surrounding his abortion clinic there.

He pleaded guilty to impeding justice.

"I think it's a wake-up call for us all when we have an individual who is allowed to practice medicine in a way that draws question as to both his credibility and capability," said Aaron Liberman, the chairman of the Department of Health Management and Informatics at the University of Central Florida.

The doctor's troubles don't end there.

Pendergraft was again before the Board of Medicine Saturday. Board members voted to suspend his license again for one year. This time he was accused in incidents related to a troubled 31-year-old employee.

The board said he:

- **Allowed the woman to administer narcotics to patients although she had no license to do so**
- **Knew she abused drugs but gave her "free reign" to order drugs under his name**
- **Prescribed steroids for the woman without medical justification**

The Department of Health said Pendergraft's numerous suspensions will run concurrent to each other, and once they're finished, he'll be free to practice in the state of Florida again.

Liberman finds Pendergraft's lenient punishment wrong.

"Unfortunately, in the state of Florida over the past many years, we have not seen the enforcement and the rigor (in) some other states like Iowa, Indiana, (and) Minnesota," Liberman said.

He said if Pendergraft was in those states, it's unlikely he would be eligible to get his license back.

News 13 made several calls to Pendergraft at his clinics in Orlando and Ocala and to his lawyer's office.

He did not respond to any of our messages.

In addition to the one year suspension, Pendergraft was fined \$10,000, given three years probation and will have to attend a course on record keeping.

Abortionist Pendergraft Suspended For Fourth Time

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News report questions judgment of FL medical board for not revoking **Pendergraft's** license

Orlando, FL – **Abortionist James Pendergraft** has had his medical license suspended for a fourth by the Florida Board of Medicine, which made the decision on Saturday.

"This is a case that should outrage everyone," said Operation Rescue President Troy Newman. "Here is a proven quack that has served three previous license suspensions, yet continues to offend. Even a stint in prison hasn't helped Pendergraft amend his ways. Nevertheless, the Board will allow this man to continue the practice of medicine after he serves his fourth suspension. It is irresponsible to place women at repeated risk from this guy. Enough is enough!"

Pendergraft's license was suspended for one year, to be followed by three years of probation. He was ordered to pay \$10,000 fine and take a course on record keeping. The suspension order was given after the Board found that Pendergraft had allowed an unlicensed employee to order and administer drugs even though she was unqualified and had a known history of drug abuse. Pendergraft also was disciplined for prescribing steroids to her for unknown reasons.

Pendergraft faced previous suspensions, one as recently as January, 2010, for **botched abortions, committing illegal late-term abortions, and dispensing drugs without a license**. In 2004, he pled guilty to impeding justice while under investigation for extortion.

The Board ruled on Saturday that Pendergraft's two active suspensions would run concurrently.

Aaron Liberman, the chairman of the Department of Health Management and Informatics at the University of Central Florida, objected to the leniency shown by the Board.

"I think it's a wake-up call for us all when we have an individual who is allowed to practice medicine in a way that draws question as to both his credibility and capability," he said.

Pendergraft owns five abortion clinics in Florida. While on suspension, his clinics continue to operate with other abortionists, at least one of which has had his own problems with the law. Abortionist Randall Whitney has had his license suspended twice and placed on probation for violations according to the Florida Health Department.

"Pendergraft's clinics are a menace to the public. They should be closed, and perhaps if he was in another state, they would be. It is simply outrageous that these people who have proven that they cannot comport themselves within the law are allowed the opportunity to continue to prey on an unsuspecting public. The Florida Board of Medicine seriously dropped the ball by not revoking Pendergraft and forcing the closure of his clinics," said Newman.

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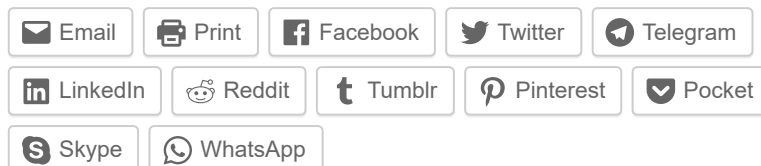


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